



Lake Park Villager



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GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

Village government meetings and elections are held at the Community Center. All are open to the public.

- Oct 27** 6:30 PM Parks & Recreation Commission
- Nov 4** 6:30 AM - 7:30 PM **Election Day**
- Nov 10** **Veterans Day**, Village Office Closed
- Nov 11** 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting
- Nov 18** 6:30 PM Planning Board
- Nov 20** 6:30 PM Economic Development
- Nov 24** 6:30 PM Parks & Recreation Commission
- Nov 27-28** **Thanksgiving Day**, Village Office Closed

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LAKE PARK PUBLIC PARKS OPEN DAWN TO DUSK YEAR ROUND

LAKE PARK TENNIS COURTS LIMIT USE TO 1 HOUR - ALL USERS
PAUL WOLFCALF RECREATION COMPLEX

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF \$1 ADMISSION
Nov 1 - 6:00 - 8:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

SAGES EVENTS

- Nov 3 - 1:00 PM CARD GAMES LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
- Nov 14 - 7:00 PM "PIE NIGHT" & GAMES 882-2005
- Nov 17 - 11:30 AM MEET FOR LUNCH
- Dec 14 - 5:00 PM CHRISTMAS PARTY LOGAN'S ROADHOUSE, MONROE

LAKE PARK SINGLES AGES 45+
Nov 6 - 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK TOWNHOME ASSN LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
Nov 13 - 6:30 PM ANNUAL DINNER MEETING - FREE TO LPTA OWNERS

THURSDAY WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

- Nov 13 - 7:00 AM ONCE-A-MONTH FURNITURE PICK UP
- Nov 28 THANKSGIVING WEEK ONLY: COLLECTION ON FRIDAY 11/28

GARDEN CLUB TOOL TIME TOUR: INTERSTATE SUPPLIES & SERVICES
Nov 17 - 7:00 PM 511 UNION WEST BLVD, STALLINGS
Dec 7 - 1:00 - 3:00 PM HOLIDAY HOME TOURS (FLYER ATTACHED)

UNION COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN MEETING
PUBLIC INVITED (DOOR PRIZE DRAWING) SILER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Nov 18 - 6:30 PM 6301 WEDDINGTON MONROE RD, WESLEY CHAPEL

CENTRAL ACADEMY AT LAKE PARK

- Nov 26-28 - CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
- Dec 19 - GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SPONSORED BY HOA
Dec 7 - 5:30 - 7:30 PM HORSE/BUGGY RIDES, SANTA PHOTOS
Dec 20 - HOLIDAY LIGHTING - DEADLINE FOR OUTDOOR LIGHTS AWARDS

Lake Park Polls Open: 6:30

The Lake Park Community Center (Town Hall) will be ready for all registered precinct residents Tuesday, Nov 4, 6:30 am - 7:30 pm. Candidates are running for U.S. Senate and House, County offices, NC Supreme Court, County Board of Education, and for the Soil & Water Conservation District. One amendment is also on the ballot. A sample ballot is on view at the kiosk outside Gray Insurance at Meeting Street and Creft Circle.

Sun & Fun: 24th Fall Festival

Blue skies and sunshine greeted the crowd at the Lake Park Homeowners Association's 24th Annual Fall Festival October 18. The HOA Board organized a fun-filled event with vendors, exhibits, carnival rides, music, games, food, pumpkin painting and a family movie. Thank you to all who came, who volunteered, and all who provided services to protect and enrich this event.

EDC Opening Available

The Economic Development Commission is seeking to fill the 1 year remaining of an unexpired 3-year term. Advise Cheri Clark of your interest in writing at cheri.clark@lakeparknc.gov by November 7. The EDC meets 3rd Thursdays to guide and encourage existing and potential village professional organizations and businesses for Lake Park.

John Laurentz Appointment

Council accepted the recommendation from the Planning Board and Board of Adjustments for Lake Park resident John Laurentz to fill a new 3-year term on these Boards. Mr. Laurentz' qualifications include general contacting experience and an interest in architectural design.

Community Watch

11 persons attended the first meeting for a watch group. Interested? Contact: blaircoops@yahoo.com.

Christmas Lighting

Lake Park's 2014 Hometown Heroes, the Ashley and Shannon Dance family have the honor of lighting the Community Tree December 7 on Meeting Street after the Garden Club's holiday home tours. (See attached flyer) The Lisa & David Brown family's synchronized lights and music, 4019 Lake Charles Road benefits the Union County Christmas Bureau, begins Nov 29.

Lake Park Village Government Call List

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Cheri Clark – Clerk/Tax Collector/Village Administrator
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Cheryl Bennett, Finance Officer **Ken Swain, Village Attorney**
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Deputy Leslie Brett & Deputy Richard Haywood
Call 911 to report emergency or any suspicious behavior.
For non-emergency: (704) 289-1591
officer@lakeparknc.gov

Economic Development

EDC Plans January 14, 2015 Professional Leaders Workshop. Byrum Pruitt, a renowned trainer from the Charlotte Employers' Association, will present practical and innovative management tools from 8am – 12 noon. A network lunch will be served 12n – 1pm. For reservations contact Sandy Coughlin 704-841-1370 x208 during business hours. The event will be held at the Community Center.

Southern Kitchen has added an array of sandwich meals to their menu, as well as barbecue ribs. Guests will be offered Election Day specials on November 4.

Lake Park Family Practice offers a comprehensive range of health care: family and internal medicine, pediatric and geriatric services, women's healthcare, minor surgeries, preventive physicals, youth and sports physicals and same day visits. Office hours are Mon-Fri 7am-7pm at 6208 Creft Circle, Suite 222. Dr. Douglas Chen leads a certified team to provide convenient expert local care. See my.carolinashealthcare.org or call 882-1666 for more info.

Parks & Recreation

Howard Circle Monument Restored: Winecoff Memorials successfully sand blasted the graffiti residue from the August defacement prank. Residents are encouraged to report promptly any suspicious behavior to our deputies so expensive damages can be averted.

Creft Circle Sidewalks: Uneven sidewalk panels, due to deep cracks, underground roots or ground settling are being corrected in a project to begin this fall along Creft Circle. Our goal is to remedy potential tripping hazards.

New Trees & Shrubs

Council approved \$4775 for new bushes and trees, including flowering cherry trees and crepe myrtle to be added to public landscaping areas.

Public Prayer Reinstated

Village Council passed a resolution to open their monthly public meetings with an invocation or prayer led by various pastors who volunteer or are recommended by village residents, or in the absence of a pastor, by a Council member. The United States Supreme Court has acknowledged that where an elected body invites, without preference to denomination, area religious leaders, they may "encourage the recognition of what is worthy of appreciation in society" and "elevate the purpose of the occasion" before Council "embarks on the governing business". Lake Park or Union County pastors may offer to be scheduled for a future meeting by contacting the Village Administrator. To view the full October 14 Resolution: www.lakeparknc.gov or visit the Village office, 3801 Lake Park Road.

CALP Annual BBQ

Central Academy Booster Club appreciates all who attended the annual BBQ fundraising event October 24, and thanks all the students, volunteers and residents who promoted tickets and served in so many ways to welcome all who made the event a success.

Street Repairs

Council approved up to \$209,000 of North Carolina Powell Bill funds to complete the major paving repairs on the more serious areas of road deterioration. The Village has a master plan that assesses the village streets by condition and traffic volume so to maintain and make preventive repairs and withstand the wear and tear over time. Although the village sought bids from four contractors, only H & S Paving responded. Start date is pending with completion expected before winter.

False Alarms Rising

13 September home security alarms from user error gave our deputies no choice but respond to every case to ensure no foul play. Each response is an hour diverted from valid patrols and case investigations. Please review code procedures with your users, so our officers can accomplish their intended tasks.

LED Lighting Added

Lake Park has begun to replace older public feature fixtures with more efficient LEDs that use far less energy, need less maintenance; have an 8 to 10-year life expectancy and offer 5-year warranties.

Your Best Village Photo?

Our official website, lakeparknc.gov, can use new photos to refresh the site. Do you own any top-notch photos that you would like to offer for this purpose? If yes, forward to pam.jack@lakeparknc.gov for consideration.